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## Global Hawk lands at Eglin

by 2nd Lt. Craig Goolsby  
AAC Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force's Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, or UAV, began a six-week deployment, after flying cross-country from Edwards AFB, Calif., when it landed at Eglin April 21.

Global Hawk's landing at Eglin was the first outside of Edwards AFB, Calif.

The Global Hawk will eventually provide Air Force and other joint-service commanders, high-altitude, long-endurance battlefield reconnaissance imagery in near real-time.

When operational, Global Hawk will be able to fly autonomously at altitudes greater than 60,000 feet and remain on station for more than 24 hours.

"Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, like Global Hawk, will broaden the scope and power of the Air Force's piloted aircraft," said Col. David Eichhorn, 46th Test Wing commander. "By flying the dull, dirty and dangerous missions that don't require any special pilot skill, Global Hawk and other UAVs will serve as an important addition to the Air Force arsenal."

After conducting site surveys on four bases, the Global Hawk team selected Eglin's 46th Test Wing as the best choice to support the deployment based upon logistics support, airspace, facilities, location, weather and a host of other considerations.

Specifically, Eglin is providing the Global Hawk team with



Photo by Jesus Franco

**The U.S. Air Force's Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle recently landed at Eglin after flying cross country from Edwards AFB, Calif. The trip kicks off a six-week deployment here.**

things like fuel, hangar use, equipment transportation, help with telemetry data and other logistics and support functions.

While en route from Edwards to Eglin, Global Hawk Air Vehicle No. 4 conducted demonstration operations for the U.S. Coast Guard along the Gulf Coast.

"These activities focused largely on exploring Global Hawk's capabilities to assist civilian agencies in counter-drug and contraband interdiction operations," said Lt. Col. Mike Trundy, Global Hawk Program Office deployment commander of Aeronautical Systems Center.

During its six weeks at Eglin, Global Hawk will participate in two major exercises.

The first exercise is Linked Seas 00,

involving joint and service warfighters, NATO's Supreme Allied Command Atlantic, or SACLANT, and its regional command SOUTHLANT, and several NATO nations.

The second exercise is Joint Task Force Exercise, or JTFEX, 00-02, sponsored by U.S. Joint Forces Command.

During the first exercise, Linked Seas 00, planned for May 1-12, Global Hawk will provide direct support to amphibious operations in a NATO environment involving air, sea, sub-surface, and land-based assets.

In the second exercise, JTFEX 00-02, slated to run from May 14-

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**Eglin Boulevard will close between Nomad Way and King Hangar, and Memorial Trail will close for east-bound traffic at the commissary for 20 minutes around 2:30 p.m. Monday and around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday**



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# General Lyles takes command of AFMC

by Staff Sgt. Carl Norman  
AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — A simple and tradition-filled ceremony allowed hundreds of well wishers gathered at the Air Force Museum here April 20 to bid farewell to the outgoing and welcome the incoming commander to Air Force Materiel Command.

Gen. Lester L. Lyles, AFMC commander, accepted the command guidon and leadership of the Air Force's largest and most diverse command from Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, during the hour-long ceremony.

Gen. George T. Babbitt relinquished his three-year command and retired after three and one-half decades of service.

"Just as the Wright brothers proved their flying machine concepts at the turn of the last century, General Babbitt has implemented new concepts to keep our Air Force in tip top fighting shape," Ryan said of Babbitt's more than \$2 billion savings to the Air Force.

"He has been on the forefront on solidifying the efficiency of our business affairs, improving cost accountability and creating agile combat support," he continued. "The dedicated men and women of this command have all been a part of an exciting and successful time because of his leadership."

Ryan then welcomed Lyles, saying he's the right man for the job, and jokingly added his only flaw is being a dedicated Washington Redskins fan.

"General Lyles' assignment as the new commander of Air Force Materiel Command is a natural," Ryan said. "His depth of experience in acquisition and logistics, in so many varied and important Air Force assignments, and in the joint environment, will serve this command and our nation well."

These comments followed an introductory monologue from ceremony narrator Chief



Photo by Dave Livingston

**Gen. Lester L. Lyles, and his wife Mina (front, center), followed by Gen. George T. Babbitt and his wife Louise, pass through a cordon of Air Force Materiel Command command chief master sergeants in preparation for Lyles' assumption of command of AFMC.**

Master Sgt. Dana Steinhauser, public affairs director for the United States Air Force Band at Bolling AFB, D.C. His words told of Wright-Patterson's history-filled past.

"Other than that day in 1903 on a hill in North Carolina where there just happened to be a good breeze, this is where it all happened," the chief said.

Steinhauser introduced the Air Force Honor Guard who paid tribute to Babbitt with a silent drill team demonstration that drew repeated applause from the crowd. Babbitt then received the Distinguished Service Medal from Ryan and passed the AFMC banner on to Lyles.

"Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined the opportunity to serve in this capacity," Lyles said after accepting command, which happened to occur on his birthday.

He said his first priority is to do everything he can to support the people in the command - not just the military members and their civilian counterparts, but their

families and the communities that surround each AFMC base. He also spoke of four mandates he brings to his new position.

"First is to continue the great legacy of Gen. George Babbitt, in business area management and emphasis on cost control in a cost culture," he said. "You (Babbitt) returned millions of dollars to Air Force coffers to allow us to do other things, something the Air Force will cherish for many years to come."

Lyles said he'll also continue to focus on supporting the warfighter in terms of logistics, maintenance, sustainment and supply.

"The kind of support that made the war over Kosovo so successful," he added.

Taking this command to the next level in acquisition excellence and science and technology are two other mandates for AFMC's new commander.

"I think a lot of people have forgotten that AFMC has a major acquisition role," he said. "Reinstating excellence in this area is making sure when people think about acquisition excellence, acquisition reform and acquisition innovation, they think of AFMC."

Regarding science and technology, Lyles said there's no particular that needs to be emphasized, the broad category is important to him and to the Air Force.

"What I hope to do is forge new and better partnerships with the various agencies within the Department of Defense and other federal government agencies like NASA to help support our technology objectives," he said to media representatives following the ceremony. "I'm one who believes we can do a lot with closer partnerships, even with the limited funds we have."

Lyles has served in many acquisition and logistics positions during his 32-year career and comes to AFMC following a year-long tour as the Air Force vice chief of staff. (AFMCNS)

# Personal credit: cost or convenience

by Bobbie Ponder  
Family Support Center

Credit: Everyone uses it, and it is essential in today's world. It's practically impossible to complete certain transactions without it, but credit can cause permanent harm if used carelessly.

While working as a financial counselor with the Family Support Center, I've noticed that very few consumers take the time to educate themselves by learning ways that will make them smarter users of credit. Credit isn't free.

It's a convenience that lets them enjoy certain benefits now that they will have to pay for later with an added interest charge.

Paying only the minimum monthly payment is very costly. As long as people pay the minimum due (which is usually two or three percent of outstanding balance), they can carry a balance almost indefinitely. I think this is a steep price to pay for convenience.

Before someone becomes an enthusiastic credit card user, it's important to understand the potential pitfalls. Poor financial planning and misuse of credit play a big part in most financial troubles.

Serious financial problems occur when credit is used impulsively as a substitute for cash, and I have seen the devastation it can cause.

Serious debt can occur if you have the tendency to overspend with credit, make spur-of-the-moment purchases or live above your means. Like any other resource, credit must be used wisely.

Here are some tips I think are beneficial in dealing with credit:

\*Beware of hidden costs for unsolicited credit card offers that offer "incentives" as "low interest rates," "no annual fee" or "rebates with purchase." You may end up paying service charges you are not aware of.

\*Before obtaining credit, check out the cost and your ability to make payments. As a general rule, personal debt shouldn't be

more than 20 percent of your monthly take-home pay.

To find out what your debt-to-income ratio is or for an analysis of your budget, call the FSC at 882-9060.

Most people will have a need for credit at some point in their life. Credit can make it possible for them to have almost anything you want, but not everything and not all at once. The price of credit can be much higher than people realize.

Becoming a good money manager takes practice. If you're like most people, you'll make mistakes. But you'll learn from them instead of being trapped by them...and that's to your credit.

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882-2677, 24 hours a day

Action Line is your direct channel for complaints, questions or suggestions to me. Before using the Action Line, I ask you to attempt to resolve any problems through the normal chain of command.

We owe our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work your issues.

If you have done this and still have not been able to resolve your problem, call the Action Line

For a personal response, please state and spell your last and first names, mailing address and phone number. Tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their solution and state your issue. I will work your issue and respond promptly either verbally or in writing. However, if you do not require a response, it is not necessary to leave your name and number. It is requested that you leave your name and number when submitting Kudos to be published in the Eagle.

The Action Line number is 882-2677. Messages may also be sent electronically through e-mail address BOSS. Those off-base can e-mail BOSS@EGLIN.AFML.

-- Col. Richard E. Perraut  
96th Air Base Wing commander

## PRESCRIPTION PICK-UP PROBLEMS

**Q:** I had a problem with the satellite pharmacy. I was in the pharmacy with my son, whose last name is different than my married name, because he is only 14 years of age.

I used to work in the hospital, and to my knowledge (I have it in writing) the only time that you need a copy of the person's identification card is if they are 18 years of age or older.

Where is it in writing that I must have a copy of a minor's identification card just because he has a different last name?

**A:** Thank you for contacting the commander's action line. The rationale for the policy, directed by the Air Force Sur-

geon General in November 1998, is patient confidentiality, regardless of age. The prescription is considered a part of the medical record and contains information protected by the Privacy Act.

In an effort to make this policy easier, our pharmacy has designed a card, similar in size to the identification card. Patients need to identify the individual(s) who is allowed to pick up their prescriptions on this card and provide him/her a copy of both sides of the military identification card.

Patients may specify the length of authority on this card. The copy of the ID card is to verify that the signature on the letter matches and also to verify eligibility. In the case of minor children under the age of 10 whom do not yet have ID cards, verification of the patient representative's relationship to the dependent child can be accomplished through DEERS.

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# JDAM spreads diamond back wings, glides to successful splash down

by Rex Swenson

Air Force Research Lab

Officials at the Air Force Research Laboratory Munitions Directorate in conjunction with Alenia Marconi Systems and Boeing conducted a successful proof of concept test of a modified Joint Direct Attack Munition, or JDAM, BLU-109 weapon April 21.

Known as the JDAM-ER (for extended range), the weapon incorporates the use of a device called Diamond Back.

According to 2nd Lt. John Mehrman, JDAM-ER Program Manager, the Diamond Back is a low cost, high performance wing kit, which features a joined tandem wing design.

The wings extend from a compact storage position and once they are fully deployed, they form a diamond shaped platform, hence the name.

In describing the test, Mehrman said the weapon was launched from an F-16 at 20,000 feet and within four seconds the

wings deployed and it began gliding down range on its own. After a 200-second flight, the JDAM-ER splashed in the Gulf of Mexico at a specified GPS coordinate.

"Diamond Back increases the range of the JDAM from eight to approximately 24 miles when launched at 20,000 feet," explained Mehrman. "This not only extends the range of the weapon, but also helps protect our warfighters by providing additional survivability for the delivery aircraft. It also allows the attack of multiple, widely separated targets from a single release point."

"This is one of two tests we are doing with the weapon," he added.

According to Fred Davis, technical director of the Munitions Directorate Assessment and Demonstration Division, "the objective of this first test was to fly in a range extension mode, flying straight to demonstrate range performance."

The 2,000-pound JDAM-ER can be carried by a B-1 or B-2 bomber. The wing kit can also be put on 1,000-pound or smaller



Courtesy photo

**Recently, a 2,000-pound Joint Direct Attack Munition, or JDAM, glided 24-miles during its first winged flight test.**

bombs for carriage in the F-22 or by the Joint Strike Fighter, Davis explained.

A range extension kit known as the Small Smart Bomb Range Extension is also being developed. An F-16 captive carry test of the SSBREX took place here earlier this month, and will be followed by flight tests next month.

## Honoring the past

**Brig. Gen. Kevin J. Sullivan, vice commander of the Air Armament Center, presents Maj. (Ret.) John J. Mueller, U. S. Air Force Reserve, with his fourth oak leaf cluster to the Air Medal for completion of 119 missions during the Berlin Airlift "Operation Vittles." The medal was presented during a special ceremony at Eglin honoring Mueller for his participation in aerial flight during the period of November 1948 to April 1949. Mueller's wife, Ruth, and other family members were present for the ceremony.**



Photo by Mike Fleck

## GLOBAL HAWK

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19, Global Hawk will provide direct support for the joint maritime mission of a Navy Carrier Battle Group and an Amphibious Ready Group/Marine Expeditionary Unit in a littoral environment.

"Global Hawk will provide the Joint Force Commander with flexible capability to acquire near-real-time reconnaissance information at extended ranges and duration, in day or night, all-weather conditions," Trundy said. "Since this will take place in an operationally-realistic environment, we've also planned exercise-specific opportunities for Global Hawk to demonstrate its unique imagery collection, processing and transmission skills to warfighters."

Nearly 600 hours have been flown on the test program since flight operations began in February 1998. (Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs contributed to this article)

# Logistician wins at Air Force level

by Lois Walsh

AAC Public Affairs

Douglas P. Eggen, from the 96th Logistics Group, was recently notified of his selection as one of the Air Force's best. As the installation's deployment officer, he was singled out to receive the 1999 Logistics Plans Award as Civilian Senior Manager of the Year.

This honor was in direct correlation to his expert direction of the largest installation deployment commitment within the Air Force.

"Anyone who processes through our deployment center sees an operation that is second to none," said Col. Richard E. Perraut, 96th Air Base Wing commander. "The center doesn't

succeed by itself—it is because of Doug's dedication to excellence that he and his team make deployments as streamlined as possible."

Col. Walt Wilsey, 96th Logistics commander, agrees.

"The keys to Mr. Eggen's success are talent, dedication and hard work. He's well-respected in logistics circles throughout AFMC and the Air Force—and the hours he puts in are legendary," Wilsey said. "We're extremely fortunate to have someone of Doug's caliber driving the mobility machine here at Eglin. He's the best there is."

Eggen credits part of his success with constant process improvement.

"Being an Air Force Materiel Command base, we are always testing new programs for the Air Force in the deployment arena," Eggen said. "That is probably one of the best things I've seen happen to us because we get the latest and greatest software and get to test it, break it, fix it, and then turn out a great process for the Air Force."

Eggen believes that being singled out for this award was actually a compliment to all the organizations that support the deployment center and its operations. On a daily basis, the Eglin Readiness Center and Combat Readiness Flight is made up of approximately 30 individuals, but the numbers swell to near 140 when there's a major exercise or deployment.

"Team Eglin really shines when it comes to the deployment center," Eggen confided. "I think it's great that I have units like the (96th) Civil Engineers who maintain the facility," Eggen said.

He also had high praise for the 96th Communications Group, as well.

"I tell them every day that they're one of the best, because if I can't communicate and the unit deployment managers can't see their data, I have a hard time getting people and cargo out of town."

Although the center runs smoothly on a daily basis, its staff still faces the challenge of a changing Air Force philosophy.

"One of the biggest challenge is with the new Air Expeditionary Force," Eggen reported. "We are still working out the processes—dealing with command functionals who are retailoring their unit type codes for people and cargo, and the way they deploy to reduce the TDY commitment for the troops."

Eggen said he remembers watching young airmen come in on a Friday and go back out on a Monday, seeing the frustrations of the high ops tempo up close. He feels strongly that the AEF is a step in the right direction to relieve that scenario.

To keep his award in perspective, Eggen has a plaque on his wall that lists the names of installation deployment officers who have gone before him. He hopes to put his own mark on the Eglin deployment programs and appreciates the opportunity to do so.

"It's been an honor that the senior leadership has given me the chance, and that my career has given me the avenues, to direct aircraft parking, to see cargo flowing, people processing and to do the very important job that ensures the mission is accomplished not just for Eglin but for the Air Force."

Winning this award doesn't mean that Eggen plans to rest on his laurels.

"My goal is to hopefully have some influence to stabilize the AEF process, to continue to modernize the automated systems, and keep up with the new systems coming down the pike," he said. "I want to make sure Team Eglin stays at the forefront of technology because that's going to streamline our processes," he concluded.



Photo by Lois Walsh

**Douglas P. Eggen, 96th Logistics Group, was given the 1999 Logistics Plans Award as Civilian Senior Manager of the Year.**

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# Commander picked for O'Malley

by **Lois Walsh**  
AAC Public Affairs

"One Team...One Mission!" is the battle cry that has aptly expressed the 96th Air Base Wing's focus the past two years. It would be appropriate to add, "One Family" to that cry, with the announcement of this year's Air Force Materiel Command's General and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award winner.

Col. Richard E. Perraut, 96th Air Base Wing commander and his wife, Joann, were recently notified of their selection for this prestigious recognition. Nominated by Maj. Gen. Michael C. Kostelnik, Air Armament Center commander, the award recognizes the wing commander and spouse whose contributions to the nation, Air Force and local community best exemplify the highest ideals and positive leadership of a military couple in a key Air Force position.

"Teamwork is the one word that comes to mind when I think of the Perrauts," Kostelnik said. "They support each other and the base on a daily basis in both their professional and personal lives."

Tackling tough quality of life issues is a high priority for the Perrauts, as evidenced by the accomplishments of all the groups within the wing. Last year alone saw the colonel's leadership turn around the morale, welfare and recreation programs; medical programs recognized as benchmarks; new dining facility, dorms, and family housing units earmarked for Eglin; and a multitude of other improvements started.

Perraut is always challenging his wing to find new and efficient ways to accomplish the mission while continuing to provide superior customer services with dwindling resources. He's asked them to focus their efforts in readiness, in improving quality of life, in improving customer service and in orchestrating the competitive sourcing/reengineering efforts.

From greatly improved performance in base readiness exercises and real world situations, to significantly improved facilities and base appearance standards, to earning AFMC recognition in many areas of customer support, the wing has met and exceeded his expectations in countless ways.

Perraut is emphatic that the award is not just about himself or his wife, but everything the wing achieves by working together.

"I am very humbled about being selected for this recognition. Others can go on and on about what a honor it is to win this award," Perraut said, "but I am more concerned with taking care of our people and making Team Eglin a better place to work and live. It's also more important to me that the units and the men and women of the wing are recognized for their hard work and Herculean efforts than my ever winning an award."

Once Mrs. Perraut starts talking, it's evident that she cares about people, too. But first, she makes it clear that care begins in the home—and it's a constant juggling act to be successful.

"The hardest part about being a wing commander's wife is not having enough time to be everything everyone wants you to be," Mrs. Perraut said. "Trying to balance all our commitments to the base, the wing and the community, and trying to give our kids a semblance of a normal life is a daily challenge."

The Perrauts have two, highly active teenagers. Their son is a Niceville junior varsity soccer player and a member of thier band. Their daughter is a competitive gymnast. Mrs. Perraut also volunteers her time at the Thrift Shop and for the Officers Spouses Club, bakes cookies for airmen, and attends many civic functions.

But the commander takes solace in knowing his wife supports him every step of the way.

"Joann told me that without her I'm nothing," Perraut said jokingly, "but seriously, I wholeheartedly support that statement."

Although modest about her contributions, Mrs. Perraut agrees that spouses make an important contribution, especially on the home front.

"We take care of the children, the bills, the mini-emergencies, the



Photo by Bruce Hoffman

**Col. Richard E. Perraut, 96th Air Base Wing commander and his wife, Joann are this year's recipients of the O'Malley Award.**

meals, and lots of other things," she said. "We keep it all together; try to keep it all in perspective."

That's the winning combination for a couple who doesn't just say

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# Eglin names fourth quarter civilian best

by **Heidi Gryzen**  
Staff Writer

The following were chosen for the Eglin's fourth quarterly civilian of the year awards.

**Henry Holliness**, a heavy mobile equipment mechanic for the 96th Transportation Squadron, earned the WG/WL/WS category civilian of the quarter award.

Offering his own welding services, Holliness saved the base maintenance shop \$5,000 in procurement costs this quarter. He is also the primary equipment custodian for the base maintenance shop managing 70 assigned equipment items valued at \$250,000.

His management of the shop's equipment also saved \$10,000 in

replacement costs, as well as the shop receiving the highest vehicle in-commission rate in two years.

He employed several new techniques that kept 232 vehicles in working order despite a 20 percent budget reduction. He did this by using common tools and innovation. These innovations also enabled much needed vehicles to return to their desired location within hours.

**Dorothy Hoag**, a cashier for



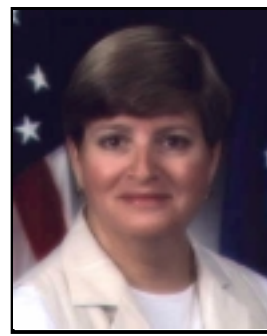
**Holliness**



**Hoag**



**Steinfeldt**



**Hodge**

the civilian of the quarter award for the GS 5-8/NF-II/NF-III category.

Steinfeldt has responded to hundreds of emergencies, making his engine company the busiest in the department. His engine was the first to

respond to a substation transformer fire. Placing the vehicles in the most advantageous position, he minimized the fire spread.

In another instance, he responded to a two-car accident where he instructed fire-fighting personnel in the removal of the unconscious driver.

He also responded to an F-15 ground emergency. His work enabled the runway to reopen in minimal time.

She ensures handicapped customers' needs are met, assisting with wheelchairs, walkers and crutches.

Hoag established a good working relationship with vendors who then maintained adequate supply levels, and she took action to discontinue items which were not selling.

Hoag continually interacts with the point of contacts for various parties using the beach center to ensure all the needs are met. This has resulted in many repeat customers.

**Karl Steinfeldt**, a fire and protection driver and operator for the 96th Civil Engineer Group, garnered

He completed Emergency Medical Technician refresher course during his off-duty time and received his Fire Officer I, Fire Instructor I and Fire Inspector I certifications.

**Leah Hodge**, acquisition budget analyst for the Air Armament Center, won the GS 9-12/NF-IV civilian of the quarter award.

Hodge became the first Air Force responsible Contract Reconciliation Agent which authorizes her to review accounting fixes on contracts with historical payment problems. She then submitted more than \$100,000 in corrections and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service executed the fix without question.

She was hand picked to be AAC's focal point to fix underfunded Acquisition Support funding for fiscal year 2000-2005.

She developed financial plans and unfunded requirements resulting in an increased fiscal year 2000 funding. She was also hand-picked as AAC's focal point for Product Support Business Area reporting to Air Force Materiel Command.

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Travel Card

All travelers are reminded that, unless otherwise exempt, use of the government travel card for lodging and rental car expenses is mandatory starting Monday. Direct questions to your unit's program coordinator or contact Master Sgt. Gregory Koziara at 882-4475

*Commander's  
Access Channel*

**April 28 - May 4**  
*Friday through Thursday*

<i>7, 10 a.m., 2 p.m.</i>	<b>Army/Navy News Clips</b>
<i>9 a.m.</i>	<b>Consumer Science</b>
<i>12 p.m.</i>	<b>NASA Gallery</b>
<i>3 p.m.</i>	<b>DICE 99 The X-Files</b>
<i>6 p.m.</i>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<i>8:30 p.m.</i>	<b>Safety Special</b>

*Saturday and Sunday*

<i>9 a.m.</i>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<i>10 a.m.</i>	<b>Safety Special</b>
<i>11 a.m.</i>	<b>DICE 99 The X-Files</b>
<i>6 p.m.</i>	<b>Consumer Science</b>

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# Eglin EVENTS

## Eglin’s Helping Agency

**EMPLOYMENT FOCUS:** This workshop is from 9 to 10 a.m. May 8. Participants will receive information to assist them in their search for jobs in the local area. Call 882-9060 for reservations.

**JOB RECRUITMENT:** “Headhunters” will be at the Family Support Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 9 to accept resumes for positions in information technology across the country. For details, call 882-9060.

**SINGLE PARENT NETWORK:** The group meets at the HAWC from noon to 1 p.m. May 10. It is for parents to discuss items of interest and concern. Call 883-8651 or 882-9060 for reservations.

**FROM HERE TO SELF-ESTEEM:** The video-based seminar is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 12. It discusses the do’s and don’ts of par-

ent-related self-esteem building. It is for par-ents with children from birth to 12 years. Call 882-9060 for reservations and location.

**INTRO TO STRESS MANAGEMENT:** Stress management assists individuals in minimizing stress with relationships and work. It is held from 8 to 9 a.m. May 10. Call 883-8373 for reservations and location.

**SELF ESTEEM CLASS:** This two-part class assists individuals in recognizing low self-esteem. This class is held at the Mental Health Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m. May 10. Call 883-8373 for reservations.

**STRESS AND INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION:** Discussing conflict resolution and listening skills, this class is held at the Mental Health Clinic from 2 to 4 p.m. May 11. Call 883-8373 for reservations.

**BREASTFEEDING CLASS:** The next class meets at the Hospital’s OB/GYN Unit, 3 East from 10 a.m. to noon May 9. Call 883-8651 to register.

**EXPECTANT DADS:** The class is held from 2 to 4 p.m. May 12. It discusses coach-ing during childbirth and fatherhood. Class size is limited. Call 883-8651 to register.

**DIABETES AND EXERCISE:** This class shows participants how exercise can alter blood sugar levels. It is held from 9 to 10 a.m. May 8. Call 883-8020 to sign up.

**HEALTH FIT:** Designed to help appar-ently healthy adults develop their own exer-cise plan, this class is held at the HAWC from 3 to 4 p.m. May 8. Call 883-8020 to sign up.

**WEIGHT CONTROL:** Participants will learn about nutrition and exercise. The class is held at the HAWC from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 8. Call 883-8621 for an appoint-ment.

**CHOLESTEROL MANAGEMENT:** The HAWC offers a class teaching how lifestyle changes can reduce the risk for heart disease and stroke. It is from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. May 9. Call 883-8621 for an appointment.

## 96th Services

**FLEA MARKET:** The 96th Services Squadron is having a base-wide flea market tomorrow at the enlisted club park-ing lot from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**DINNER THEATER:** The officers’ club presents Neil Simon’s Chapter Two, May 3. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a buf-fet. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. The show starts at 7 p.m. The event is open to every-one. Make reservations by Saturday. For details, call 651-1010.

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION:** The Eglin School Age Program is holding registration for summer camp. Returning children may register Tuesday through May 11. New registrations will be May 16-24. There is also a half-day summer program for children 9-12 and a

specialty camp for youth 12-15. For more informa-tion, call 882-8291/8292.

**WHO WANTS TO BE A HUNDREDAIRE?:** The enlisted club presents this new game from 6 to 7 p.m. beginning Thursday. Contestants will have two lifelines and can play for more than \$80 in prizes and \$150 in cash.

**On Base PREPAREDNESS BRIEFINGS:** Disaster Preparedness is conduct-ing hurricane briefings at the base theater at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. May 8. For de-tails, call Tech. Sgt. Brett Atwell at 882-3173.

**ESTATE PLANNING:** Sponsored by the Eglin Law Center, this brown-bag luncheon will cover the basics of estate plan-ning. It is at the law cen-ter courtroom from 11:30 a.m. to noon May 5. For

seat reservations, call 882-4611.

**ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH:** The luncheon celebrating Asian Pacific Heritage is at the enlisted club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 19. The deadline to buy tick-ets is May 10. To buy tick-ets or to get information concerning other events, call Maj. Josie Schantz at 883-8450.

**RETIRED OFFIC-ERS’ CLUB:** Active-duty officers are eligible for membership in the North-west Florida Retired Offic-ers Club, which is the lo-cal chapter of the Retired Officers Association. Guest speakers cover topics relat-ing to retired and active-duty personnel. The next meeting is at the officers’ club at 7:30 a.m. May 3, with breakfast available. For details, call Troy Dent at 651-4618.



Photo by Bruce Hoffman

## Sharp troop

*Tech. Sgt. Robert Thompson, the fire department assistant chief of training, evaluates the fire pump panel. He was recently named a Sharp Award win-ner by the Chiefs’ Group.*

## Congratulations graduates

The following is a list of the 2000 graduates of the Community College of the Air Force

Staff Sgt. Mary Beauchaine 16 MXS  
Staff Sgt. Colby Curtis 16 MXS  
Tech. Sgt. Glenn Robinson 28 TS  
Master Sgt. Dean Light 33 FW  
Tech. Sgt. Mark Wessell 33 FW  
Staff Sgt. Jason Wiggins 33 FW  
Tech. Sgt. Francis Definbaugh\*\* 33 LSS  
Master Sgt. Michelle Todd 33 LSS  
Master Sgt. Roger Spencer 33 MXS  
Staff Sgt. Jason Marez 33 OSS  
Staff Sgt. Matthew Bock 40 FTS  
Master Sgt. James Deandrade 40 FTS  
Tech. Sgt. Sherry Hegan 40 FTS  
Senior Airman Michael Pigg 40 FTS  
Master Sgt. Timothy Stark 46 LSS  
Senior Airman John Drain 46 MXS  
Senior Airman Skip Debusk II 46 OG  
Master Sgt. Paul Armitage 46 WFT  
Senior Airman Lisa Blackerby 46 WFT  
Master Sgt. David Harness 53 WG  
Tech. Sgt. David Bernyk 58 FS  
Msater Sgt. Derrick Dunlop 58 FS

Staff Sgt. Winslow Phillips 60 FS  
Senior Airman Perry Bright 728 ACS  
Senior Airman Troy Eberhart 728 ACS  
Tech. Sgt. Carlos Figueroa 728 ACS  
Staff Sgt. Kimberly Sein 728 ACS  
Staff Sgt. Steven Carr 796 CES  
Tech. Sgt. Kevin Deloach 9 SOS  
Tech. Sgt. Shelley Fisher 919 MSS  
Tech. Sgt. Laurie Kent 919 MSS  
Tech. Sgt. Darlene Davison 96 ABW  
Master Sgt. Walter Caulder 96 AMDS  
Senior Airman Christine West 96 AMDS  
Tech. Sgt. Alberto Martinez 96 CEG  
Master Sgt. Azel Hardy Jr. 96 CES  
Staff Sgt. Derek Kenney 96 CG  
Tech. Sgt. Bayani Fajardo 96 CS  
Master Sgt. Jerry Gibson 96 CS  
Master Sgt. Leonard Lombardi 96 CS  
Staff Sgt. Aber Mitchell 96 CS  
Master Sgt. Joseph Shaw 96 CS  
Tech. Sgt. William Spannagel 96 CS  
Staff Sgt. David Shah 96 MDOS

Master Sgt. Timothy Toman 96 MDOS  
Staff Sgt. Tanya Simulick 96 MDSS  
Tech. Sgt. Francis Spykers 96 MDSS  
Staff Sgt. Barbara Black 96 SFS  
Senior Airman Michael Guadagno 96 SFS  
Staff Sgt. Daniel Hicks 96 SFS  
Senior Airman Noel Lee 96 SFS  
Tech. Sgt. James Barnes II 96 SUPS  
Staff Sgt. David Williams 96 SUPS  
Master Sgt. Michael Merritt 96 AMDS  
Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Pforr 96 MSGS  
Senior Airman Damaris Shepherd 96 SURGOS  
Master Sgt. Frank Hart 96 SVS  
Tech. Sgt. Sandra Gall AAC  
Senior Airman Cathy Lirette AAC  
Senior Airman Marcella Givens AFOSI  
Senior Airman Barbara Harwood OSI  
Master Sgt. Susan Villaluz AFOTEC  
Tech. Sgt. Ingrid Kelliher ASCIET  
Tech. Sgt. Christian H. Puff 96 MSS  
**Eagle Grant Award \***  
**Aviation Excellence Award \*\***

# Toymax recalls game cartridge

**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commision Report**

In cooperation with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commision, Toymax Inc. is voluntarily recalling approximately 435,000 Arcadia Electronic Skeet Shoot games to replace the game cartridges.

The skeet shoot games' cartridges can be defective, and can cause the projector to overheat, melt and smoke, presenting a risk of burns to consumers.

Toymax has received 100 reports of projectors overheating, melting and smoking.

The Arcadia Electronic Skeet Shoot game sets are

an indoor image projecting game systems that include Duck Shoot and Deer Hunter games.

"Arcadia Electronic Skeet Shoot" is written on a label on the projector. Writing on the bottom of the projector includes "1998 Toymax," "Patent Pending" and "Made in China."

Toy and discount department stores nationwide, including Toys R Us, Sam's Club, K.B. Toys and Costco, sold these games from October 1998 through March 2000. Consumers should not return these to the stores.

For more information, contact Toymax at 1-800-477-6215 or visit the company's Web site at [www.toymax.com](http://www.toymax.com).



Photo by Mike Fleck

## Take me home

*My name is Goldie, and I am so much fun. Volunteers here say I'm very playful. Ask about me at the Pet Welfare Center. Their number is 678-5066.*

If you have any story ideas for the Eglin Eagle, call 882-3507.

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These movies are playing in the following locations. Show times are 7 p.m., unless otherwise listed. Movies are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. **All Sunday movies are \$1.** R-rated movie tickets cannot be purchased by children younger than 17. All movies are subject to cancellation without notice.

**Eglin Theater  
882-1066**

**TONIGHT - FINAL DESTINATION** (93 minutes, R, violence and language) When one of the passengers on an airliner has a vision of the plane crashing, he and six others leave before it takes off. Strangely the plane really does crash. Soon, each of the survivors begins to die mysteriously. It's up to those left behind to figure out what happened before they die too.

**SATURDAY - THE NEXT BEST THING** (107 minutes, PG-13, sexual content, nudity, and language) Rupert Everett and Madonna. Abbie and Robert are best friends, but, when too many cocktails leads to intimacy, they become parents.

**SUNDAY - MY DOG SKIP** (95 minutes, PG, violent content and language) Frankie Muniz and Diane Lane. In 1952, Willie is shy, ignored at school and uncomfortable with girls. On his ninth birthday, he receives a puppy that he names Skip. With Skip's help, Willie becomes "one of the boys"

**MAY 5 - THE NINTH GATE** (127 minutes, R, violence and sexuality) Johnny Depp and Lena Olin. Lucas Corso has been hired to find the two other existing copies of the Big Book of the Nine Doors to the Kingdom of Darkness, reputed to hold the key to conjuring Satan.

**Hurlburt Field  
884-7648**

**TONIGHT - REIN-DEER GAMES** (99 minutes, R, violence, language and sexuality) Ben Affleck and Gary Sinise. After being released from prison Ben Affleck's character wants to leave his life of crime behind. However his plan goes way off course when his former cellmate entangles him into one of his schemes.

**SATURDAY - DROWNING MONA** (95 minutes, PG-13, language and sexuality) Bette Midler and Danny DeVito. Mona is an unlikely citizen who dies after her Yugo plunges off a cliff. Although no one seems to care, and everyone's a suspect, it's up to the police chief to figure out who murdered her.

**SUNDAY - THREE STRIKES** (83 minutes, R, language, sexuality, drug use and violence) DJ Pooh and N'Bushe Wright. A young ex-con desperately tries to stave off his next criminal offense, the result of which may land him in prison for life.

**MAY 5 - FINAL DESTINATION**



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**Catholic Mass**  
\*Saturday-Chapel 2, 5 p.m.  
\*Sunday-Chapel 1, 7:45 a.m.  
\*Sunday-Chapel 2, 11:15 a.m.  
\*Sunday-Chapel 1, 6 p.m.  
\*Daily-Chapel 1, 11:30 a.m.

**Islamic Services**  
\*Jumuah Salaat-Chapel 1, Friday, 1 p.m.  
\*Quran Hadiths-Chapel 1, Saturday, 6 p.m.  
\*Fajar Salaat-Chapel 1, Saturday, Sunday, 5:30 a.m.  
\*Zuhr Salaat-Chapel 1, Monday - Thursday, 1:10 p.m.  
\*Asr Salaat-Chapel 1, Monday - Friday, 4 p.m.

**Jewish Services**  
\*Sabbath Worship-Chapel 1, Friday, 7:30 p.m. followed by Oneg Shabbat  
**Protestant Worship**  
\*Traditional-Chapel 2, Sunday, 8 a.m.  
\*Gospel-Chapel 1, Sunday, 9:15 a.m.  
\*Traditional-Chapel 2, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Shirts’  
Corner Tip

Eye-glasses and sunglasses must be free of ornamentation, conservative, clear or slightly tinted. Photosensitive lenses can be worn indoors or information. Conservative glasses may be worn outside. Mirrored lenses are prohibited.

The Chess Club meets at the enlisted club from 6:30 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday. Call 609-5768.

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Unsafe practices create danger at pump

by **Senior Airman Cathy Lirette**  
Staff writer

For many drivers, it is common practice to return to their car to wait out the few minutes it takes to fill their gas tank.

But what they don’t know is that they are putting themselves in jeopardy.

“There has been an increase in flash fires within the Southeastern United States when refueling vehicles,” said Elena Lopez, administrative assistant

for Army Air Force Exchange Service. “All are caused by something as simple as static electricity.”

According to the Petroleum Equipment Institute, there have been 36 such fires in the last five months. Half of those

involved people re-entering their car during refueling.

According to PEI, an electrostatic charge is generated through friction between clothing and the car seat to such an extent that electrostatic discharges to the vehicle body or

to the filling nozzle is possible, especially if the motorist is wearing rubber-soled shoes.

“So far we have been very fortunate that this has not happened at any of the shoppettes at Eglin,” said James Moore, Eglin/Hurlburt AAFES General Manager. “Our goal is to make customers aware that these flash fires can occur. Safety is our top priority and we don’t want anything to happen.”

There has also been an increase of gasoline spills at gas dispensing facilities. These spills are due to several unsafe practices.

One of these is that individuals are wedging a gas cap or other foreign object into the handle and then leaving it unattended. This practice overrides the automatic shutoff safety latch, causing a spill.

“This is an unsafe practice which I’m sad to say does happen more times than not,” added Moore. “We urge our customer’s to use caution and to stop and think of the possible consequences when refueling their vehicles.”

For more information on this or any other AAFES issue, call Moore at 678-6842 ext. 221.  
*(Elena Lopez contributed to this article).*

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# Chapel supports Readiness Challenge

by Lois Walsh  
AAC Public Affairs

Readiness Challenge, the Air Force's worldwide competition that tests leadership, teamwork and wartime skills, got a real-world workout last year. The competition was cancelled when events in Kosovo took precedence.

However, that didn't deter Air Force Materiel Command's team from Hill AFB, it just made them hungry for a victory. This year's Readiness Challenge is from April 29 to May 5.

When it was time for Hill to fill its 32-man team, organizers realized their chaplain staff couldn't support the requirement for a chaplain and chaplain service support personnel. That's when Eglin came to the rescue.

Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Plate and Staff Sgt. Tippy Smith volunteered to help the Hill team.

Plate has been working out with the team since late January; Smith replaced Staff Sgt. Antonio Smith, the former support person, just last week when an injury sidelined his participation.

"Most of the Hill team trained last year, so these people are ready and enthusiastic to compete at Tyndall, in this challenge," Plate said.

"I knew it was going to be tough, so I'm doing all I can to keep up with these guys since they've been together since January," Smith added.

Although both Plate

and Smith are still supporting the local chapel ministry, they spend half a duty day studying and getting into physical shape for their events. The chaplains will be tested on crisis intervention, global ministry, casualty collection point (responding to hospital casualties), and official message preparation.

"Our role as a base-line chaplain response team is to provide ministry that enables the free exercise of religion," Plate said. "Through religious observances, worship and rites, pastoral care, counseling and visitation and advising leadership, the chaplain service mission is accomplished."

Smith's role as chaplain service support personnel, or CSSP, is equally important.

"We provide the logistical needs like obtaining resources, literature, ecclesiastical appointments; anything to support the chaplain's ministry," Smith said. "A big part is crisis intervention; if the chaplain's tied up, I can talk to someone even if I can't counsel them."

The role of the chaplains is non-combatant, and the fact that they have absolute privilege communication is also unique.

"That is probably our greatest gift to the people," said Plate, "because we're a resource for the people; we look after them."

Capt. Doug Brown, Officer in Charge of the

Hill contingent, is pleased that Eglin's chapel is supporting their team.

"They're great folks and have a good attitude and are working very hard to be ready for competition," Brown stated. Chaplain Plate

and Sergeant Smith have extra responsibilities we don't have right now because they're stationed here and still have people to take care of."

The Air Force recognizes the value of competition to increase the

overall mission capability. Each competing team gains a realistic picture of its overall preparedness to perform its wartime mission.

"Put simply, our mission is ministry any time, anywhere," Plate concluded.

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# Preparation proves essential in sports

## 96th Medical Group Report

When asked to name American favorites, hamburgers, apple pie and rock and roll are usually heard; and as far as the "American pastime," baseball is usually the first to come to mind.

Although many Americans participate in the sport each year, there is still the danger of injury. With the season fast approaching, there are preventative measures athletes of all ages can take.

Like all exercise, baseball and softball should be played sensibly and safely. Improper preparation and technique can lead to injuries, especially in the lower extremities.

According to Col. Joseph Agostinelli, 96th Medical Group military consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General, most American kids begin playing organized baseball at age 6 or 7.

If a child is generally in good health and has no pre-existing physical compromising conditions, baseball is relatively safe with proper instruction in the game fundamentals. However, weekend warriors who pick up the sport of softball again in adulthood are less apt to be in optimum condition and should take it slow before jumping back into the game.

"Individuals 40 years of age, diabetes, smokers, or those who have any other physical disabilities should see a family

physician specializing in sports medicine who can assess any inherent risk in their sports regimen," Agostinelli said.

Dee Dykes, Eglin Fitness Center program director, is involved each year with the intramural softball program and knows first hand the risk of injury.

"Most of the major injuries that need medical support come from not knowing what you are doing, like sliding improperly," said Dykes, who oversees approximately 80 games a week.

According to Agostinelli, it is important to loosen up before game time. Even the youngest children should make sure to do simple stretching exercises to avoid muscle pulls or other problems. Before playing any type of game on a field, make sure it is free of hazards like holes on the base paths or other debris on the field.

Dykes agrees.

"The athletes are very aware of the things they need to do to prevent injuries," she said. "I always see a lot of pre-season practice and working out so the players are usually in good shape before the season starts. Good field conditions are also an important factor in preventing injuries."

"Our national pastime has been around for a century and a half. America has carried on a love affair with baseball and softball. Let's not end this love affair with a season or career ending injury," Agostinelli concluded.



Photo by Senior Airman Cathy Lirette

## Sports Spotlight

*Kerry Jordan, 96th Civil Engineer Group, practices kicking goals for an upcoming game. Jordan has been playing soccer for approximately 22 years. He is currently the coach for the 96th CEG intramural soccer team. He also has been playing on the base team since 1991. In 1994, Jordan was a member of the National Military Soccer Team. Besides soccer, Jordan does cardiovascular workouts three times a week at the fitness center.*

## Sports SHORTS

**CHAPEL GOLF TOURNEY:** The chapels host a four-person team select-shot golf tournament May 5. The deadline to enter a team is Tuesday. The entry fee is \$10 for Eglin gold card holders, \$19 for Eglin silver card holders, \$22 for Eglin green card holders and Hurlburt members and \$30 for all others. For details, call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ben Tandy at 882-2111.

**FOOTBALL OFFICIALS:** For those interested in officiating high school football, there is a meeting at the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors building,

10 Hollywood Blvd, at 6 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call Don Dineen at 244-5143 or 862-8986.

**GOLFING PARADISE:** Outdoor Recreation is offering four overnight trips to the Robert Trent Jones golf trail in Alabama. All trips include transportation, green fees, cart fees and lodging. The first trip is June 2-4 and includes courses Hampton Cove, Huntsville and Silver Lakes. The cost is \$225 per person. All other trips are two days

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### TIPS TO ENSURE AN INJURY-FREE BASEBALL SEASON

\*While cleats may improve traction, they leave the ankle more susceptible to twists and turns. Make sure they fit properly.

\*Proper sliding technique is critical to avoid foot and ankle injuries, especially when bases are firmly secured. Careless slides result in sprains and fractures.

\*The ball is bound to make contact with the players foot, ankle or leg. Usually, this contact results in contusions. Icepacks and a few days rest will usually help.

\*Sprains occur from running bases or pivoting to make a play. Immediate treatment may be needed.

\*Catchers are particularly susceptible to arch pain commonly traced to an inflammation in the bottom of the foot. A podiatric physician can prescribe customized shoe inserts to help alleviate pain.

\*A related condition to which catchers are also susceptible is heel spur syndrome. With proper warm-up and stretching supportive shoes, strains of this ligament can be reduced.

\*Shin splints usually stem from inflammation of the muscles and tendons attached to shin caused by stress fractures. Treat shin pain with cold compresses immediately after the game to reduce inflammation.

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in length and are \$180 per person. For details, call 882-6581.

**GOLF MEETING:** The golf meeting that was scheduled to be held in the enlisted club at 9 a.m. May 3 has been changed. It will now be held at Postl' Point at the same time and date.

**BOWL ME OVER:** The bowling center is taking signups for summer leagues. They will have a special youth-adult league, with two adults and two youths, a classic league which are four bowlers with any combination, and a special bowling ball league, in which each bowler gets a bowling ball at the end of the

league. For more information, call 882-3352.

**SWIMMING LESSONS:** Outdoor Recreation offers American Red Cross swimming lessons and water aerobics at the east pool. The cost is \$25 per person and a variety of classes from toddler to adult will be offered. Those interested may register at Postl' Point Wednesday and May 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. and at the Youth Center May 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. For information, call 882-6581.

**LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION CLASS:** Outdoor Recreation is offering an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification class Tues-

day through May 21. Participants must be 15 years or older and be able to swim 500 yards non-stop using a variety of strokes, tread water for 2 minutes, dive and retrieve an object. The class is \$110 and includes all books. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 882-6581 or the Red Cross at 882-5848.

**DIVE INTO GREAT CLASSES:** The Eglin Dive Club is offering the following classes: PADI Open Water classes for beginning divers with day sessions today through May 31. The cost for the beginner's course is \$200 and includes four Gulf dives. For more information, call Anna Schmitz at Emerald Coast Scuba 837-0955 or e-mail destin@aol.com.

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